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THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL

EDITORIAL: We all need to remember how great it is to have GOD in our lives. It gives each one of us something to be thankful for. With the conditions in the world today, without GOD, I don't know how we could cope. The election is over, and a new administration is about to take over. Lets pray for all of our leaders, and the soon coming of our LORD. As you think of the things in your life to be thankful for, think about what GOD has done for you.

Next month will be the Christmas season and as we think about what the season is all about lets remember as we give gifts to each other that we also will give something to help further the gospel to all the world.

The ASDAO has voted to help with some mission projects this coming year. We need your help financially also. Send your donation to the ASDAO treasurer, mark it for mission trip donation. Her address is in the column to the left.

As the twenty-fifth of December is observed to commemorate the birth of Christ, as the children have been instructed by precept and example that this was indeed a day of gladness and rejoicing, you will find it a difficult matter to pass over this period without giving it some attention. It can be made to serve a very good purpose.
{AH 478.1}

Duane E. Curtis O.D., Fraterneyeser

ASDAO 2009 CONVENTION Holland, Michigan July 3-6, 2009

Dr. Dennis & Eddy Benedict
Convention Hosts



We will be hosting the 2009 ASDAO convention in Holland, Michigan. The dates of the convention are starting Friday evening July 3, 2009 and concluding on Monday evening July 6, 2009. Golf is planned for Thursday July 2 and if you would like to go to Mackinaw Island, we will leave Tuesday and return on Wednesday evening, more details later.

I have reserved 25 rooms with 1 King size bed, and 25 rooms with 2 Queen size beds. The rates are \$99 + Tax per night. Reservations can be made by calling: (616) 396-0710 and give the group code ASD. Reservations must be made before 06/02/09. Grand Rapids is the largest and closest airport, 32 miles. Lansing is 93 miles away and Detroit Metro Airport is 177 miles

2009 ASDAO Mission Goals

Dennis Benedict, O.D.

ASDAO members who attended our annual convention discussed many ideas for missions outreach. Here are some of the ideas and goals that were voted and passed.

- This year (2008) or next (2009) ASDAO will sponsor a mission trip with "The Quiet Hour"
- Our organization would provide glasses, O.D.'s, and pharmaceuticals for the sponsored trips.
- We are planning to organize our own mission project within three years that will include several O.D.'s, D.D.S.'s, M.D.'s, R.N.'s, and other medical staff. We are planning to conduct a Vacation Bible School and evangelistic series of meetings at the same time.

There are two mission projects in process this year. ASDAO is helping to support the TEEN MISSIONS to the Dominican Republic December 24, 2008 – January 6, 2009. Dr. Roland Stickle will be in charge of the vision clinic. Dr. Alden Curtis is going to Peru in November, 2008. ASDAO is providing the autorefractor and some reading glasses.

I talked with Charlene West of "The Quiet Hour" and she would like us to commit to at least two of the five projects next year. Bill and Jackie Tucker will be going to Cusco, Peru, May 22 – June 6, 2009, and Dominican Republic October 30 – November 14, 2009 and would like as many medical services available as possible. If we have enough support from our members we will help with two or more projects.

If you are planning on going on a mission project next year, let me know ASAP so I can arrange supplies, and equipment. We are planning on two O.D.'s for each trip, preferably one having previous mission trip experience.
Pray about what you can do to help this world- wide missions outreach.

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GHG In October we mailed 144 pair of reading glasses to India. We heard that they received the shipment. Kepzibah kore say thank you so much for your continuous support.

I am in the process of ordering 144 more to send soon.

Lowell Meister, OD
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**HELP
NEEDED**

We need the help of any O.D. that would be willing to host our 2010 convention in Atlanta. This would only require setting up the Hotel location & making a schedule for any activities. It will be held during the same time as the **GENERAL CONFERENCE** meetings. There will be a vision screening booth at GC. A committee will be set up to schedule this.

If you are willing to be our host please contact the president elect Clarie Omans at:

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Dee Roberts

Hello to everyone from sunny Arkansas! I know if you are like me you are so glad the presidential elections are over--- and we pray for the Lord to lead --

- He is the best candidate--and we are in His hands.

Bob and I have been very busy keeping up with work ,visiting kids and family. We are down to just one cowboy camp-meeting now, and that takes a little of the load off. We are starting to look forward to our next convention. We have been told that this is a great area--we have never been in this direction so it will so fun to see it all.

Our church had a men's bake off last night so Bob spent a whole Sunday making a apple pie from homemade crust to crumb crust topping --we had many laughs-- His crust was very unique to say the least- but the pie was very yummy.

With the economy slowing down a little ,and money getting a little tighter--I know our optometry students will appreciate the help we can give them--Hope you are all thinking about our auction--with fun items to sell! Bob and I wish you and your families a VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON---and were looking forward to seeing you soon. love Dee

**ASDAO MISSIONS
AND GOALS FOR THE
FUTURE**

by Helaina Bouliers, O.D.

Seldom do I leave an ASDAO convention as upbeat about our organization as I did this last one Why? Because I saw so much enthusiasm for new goals and direction for our group in the coming years.

Getting together for fellowship, networking, and continuing education is great, but this time we really focused on how we could make a difference in the world by being part of ASDAO.

The overwhelming desire of the doctors was to be involved with more mission projects. We all recognize the fact that many doctors who have the time and energy to go on a trip may not be able to do it financially. Others have the money, but can't leave their offices for that amount of time. Others realize that preparing to go with glasses and supplies takes a tremendous amount of time and effort. Some don't want to go alone. In the end, not much gets done. Well, we want to change all that.

The focus of this issue of the Fraterneyeser will be getting YOU involved in missions. We think we have found ways for everybody to do something. As you read on you will see how you can have the opportunity to go on a trip to Peru or Jamaica. You can't go this time? That's OK. You will also have the opportunity to donate funds for pharmaceuticals, reading glasses, or for another doctor or optometry student's airfare. Would you rather do a little something all through the year? You could sort through donated glasses for just the right powers our doctors need to take with them.

Do you have other ideas? Would you like to get involved? Read on to see where you fit in. And, of course, let's talk about it together at the next ASDAO meeting in July, 2009.

See you there

**START PLANNING
FOR
AUXILIARY AUCTION**

It won't be long now until the next convention, and the highlight of all our conventions has been the auction. You can bring anything you want to be auctioned off.

This money goes to help the auxiliary with their scholarship program and several mission projects. Start making something for them.

It is always a fun time to see what everyone brings.

**PLAN NOW FOR HOLLAND, MI
JULY 3 - 6, 2009**

**PRESIDENT
BOB'S COLUMN**



Bob Roberts, O.D.
ASDAO President

Greetings to our ASDAO friends

Dee & I hope you are all doing well. Our association has become so special to us, that we are missing you already, and are looking forward to our convention in Holland. This just happens to be a part of our country that I have never spent much time ,and I'm certain Dennis & Eddy will be wonderful hosts. Dee & I have had a terrific summer. Terrific in the Roberts house is defined as spending time with our family, especially the grand children. Each grand-boy from Florida spent one week with us this summer. The seven year old got Dee hooked on a few computer games. The nine year old loves to fish & we had several nice trips to the lake. I will send photo's to Duane so he can back up my "fish stories".

The eye clinic has been extremely busy. We have added a third associate. So now, hopefully, I really can spend more time with grandchildren, and I'm especially looking forward to planning a mission-- trip.

God is so good, he blesses each of us in so many ways, and as I learned more about the history of our ASDAO



Look who has the biggest fish

this last convention it was so obvious that God has blessed our association. Lets make sure we spend time each day with Him.

I'll close with a thought that I found recently from the S.D.A. Bible Commentary p.708..... Because of the complexities of life and the innumerable ways in which the adversary may introduce his reasoning it is necessary to receive fresh instruction daily.... This is obtained by a prayerful and purposeful reading of the Bible. God bless--- Bob

**MACKINAC ISLAND
TRIP PLANNED AFTER
CONVENTION**

For those who would like a trip is planned to leave Holland MI sometime the 7th and drive to Mackinac City, staying there that night and then going to Mackinac Island for the day on the 8th. You can head for home after that. More information in the next Fraterneyeser.

**FUTURE AOA
CONVENTION DATES**

2009 Washington, DC June 24-28
2010 Orlando, FL June 16-20,

WANTED !!!

We are looking for any Group Pictures, both of O.D.'s and family pictures from past ASDAO conventions for a history book. Can use either slides, prints or whatever you have. If at all possible please give a description of what year, location and names of people in pictures. Send them to Dr. Dennis Benedict, 5699 Horton Road, Jackson MI 49201. Let him know if you want them returned.

E-mail Address

I know most of us have a email address. Send me your e-mail address if not listed below, also send me any correction if yours is not correct. It would be nice for the ASDAO members to be able to contact each other. Send to wrlcurtis@rtconnect.net

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THERE MUST BE MORE THAN THESE.
We have added a few since the last news and I have had some return undeliverable. Lets keep this up to date.

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Duane Curtis O.D., bulletin editor

PRACTICE FOR SALE

Practice for sale, in Brewster and Grandcoulee, Washington. This is a rural area with lots of outdoor activities available. In Brewster we have a beautiful church and school. If interested, contact Duane L. Rana, OD lguanaOD@aol.com

WE NEED HELP FROM EVERY ASDAO MEMBER

We need your help to support our mission trips for 2009 with "The Quiet Hour" going to Peru, and Dominican Republic

The more help we get the more mission trips we can support. ASDAO committed to two projects next year but the "Quiet Hour" is going on six projects. If we get enough support, we can offer the help on more projects. Here is how you can help:

- Volunteer to go on a mission trip. If you have never been on a mission trip, we will try to pair you with an O.D. who has gone on a trip. If you cannot be gone the whole time needed, we will try to accommodate you the best possible.
- We need many O.D.s to collect and sort glasses for our mission projects. Hundreds of pairs of glasses are dispensed for every project. The amount of glasses we receive determine how many mission projects we can support. We need as many glasses as possible as soon as possible.
- If you cannot send glasses, financial donations to buy SV reading glasses will be greatly appreciated. SV readers are about 40 percent of all glasses dispensed. If you would rather buy readers and send them to us, please send more pairs between +1.00 & +1.75 and less of higher powers.
- If you know of someone who would like to help sort glasses, or donate money, please involve them in this project.

If you can help sort glasses, here is what we need:

- Any powers with no more than .50 D of cylinder either lens.
- For high plus and minus up to 1.00 D cyl. Is O.K.
- Any Aphakic glasses acceptable
- Same power OU within .50 D (no anisometropia)
- Bifocals preferred over progressive lenses
- Don't send just frames or lenses
- No RX sunglasses or non RX sunglasses
- No Safety RX's

Suggestion of sources of glasses (not sorted or bagged):

- Local Lions Club
- District Lions Club Distribution Centers
- VOSH Distribution Centers

If you get glasses from organizations already bagged and labeled, very few pairs will meet the criteria we need. It would be more productive for your time to get "raw" donated glasses (not sorted or neutralized or bagged).

If you can help sort glasses please do the following:

- Insert each pair of glasses in a small zip-lock lab bag, approx. 3" wide by 7" inches long.
- Use a 2" wide piece of masking tape on one side near top of bag to record RX
- Record RX as -1.50 -1.75 / +2.00 for a bifocal, (don't record cylinder if less than or equal to .50 D)
- When you get a large box full of glasses, please mail them to:

If you are willing to help with this project please let Dr. Benedict know as soon as possible so plans can be made for the future. We will be needing at least 1000 pair. What ever help you can be will be appreciated.

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Wanted: Associate leading to Partnership: send resume and personal mission statement to danielboon@gmail.com or 66724

MOVE TO WYOMING

Looking for an optometrist interested in practicing in a small, rural community in Wyoming. Ideal for mission minded individual with a growing church and church school already established. Many opportunities for outdoor recreation as we are located near the Big Horn Mountain range, Yellowstone National Park and Grand Teton National Park. Contact Kirby Treat, O.D. by email katreat@hotmail.com or 1096 N Ponderosa Lane, Worland, WY 82401 Phone 307-347-7858

ADDRESS CHANGES

One of the biggest jobs is trying to keep track of where all the SDA optometrists are. As you move or change addresses we lose track of you.

Please let me know so that will continue to receive the news letter.

Also if your e-mail address changes we need to know that.

If you have a new address or if you know any new SDA Optometrists or recent graduates send me the address.

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**59th General
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Atlanta, Georgia
June 23– July 3,
2010**

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Classified advertising is available to any member of ASDAO that has something to sell or is looking for something to buy. There is no charge for this and you may find one of our members out there that may be looking for what you have.

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**NEXT FRATERNEYESER
DEADLINE**

Information deadline for the next Fraterneyeser is **February 1, 2009**. Please send me your information by the deadline. Dr. Duane Curtis, Editor
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If you haven't checked our web site, you should do so. There are a few things that will change from time to time. I believe we have a very nice site to represent our organization.

**ASDAO AUXILIARY SCHOLARSHIP
FOR 3rd & 4th YEAR
OPTOMETRY STUDENTS**

The purpose of the ASDAO Auxiliary Scholarship is to recognize excellence in scholarship and encourage Seventh-day Adventist individuals with potential to complete their educational requirements in the field of Optometry.

Qualified Seventh-day Adventist students enrolled in an accredited school of optometry in either the US or Canada and completing the 2nd year are eligible may apply for the ASDAO Auxiliary Scholarship which is given through the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Optometrists. This scholarship is for the Jr. & Sr. year. You must apply for each year.

All documents must be received no later than JUNE 1. The recipient will be announced during the annual meeting of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Optometrists held the end of June each year. The scholarship committee reserves the right to suspend the award if no candidates are judged to be outstanding in a given year.

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**ASDAO DUES
July 1 thru June 30
each year**

2007-2008 O.D. Dues	35.00
2007-2008 Auxiliary Dues	10.00
2007-2008 1st Year Grad	10.00
2007-2008 2nd Year Grad	10.00
Optometric Student	1.00

We need your support in both financial and by being active in ASDAO to help continue carrying on Gods' work for optometry.

Send your dues to:

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If your name is listed here please send me your correct email
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